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FOR AF/EX AND AFR/EMS FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: AFSP, EAID, UV  
SUBJECT: EMBARGO ON ARRIVAL OF NEW AID EMPLOYEES

1. THE BUILD-UP OF AID PERSONNEL AT THIS MISSION IS ACCELERATING. A YEAR AGO THERE WERE 14 AID EMPLOYEES AND AID-FINANCED CONTRACTORS HERE. BY THE END OF APRIL 1978 EIGHTEEN ADDITIONAL EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS WILL HAVE ARRIVED. FROM MAY TO NOVEMBER 1978 YET ANOTHER 21 ARE DUE TO ARRIVE. OBVIOUSLY THE THREE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEES WHO WERE SUPPORTING OUR TOTAL MISSION WHEN THERE WERE 14 AID EMPLOYEES CANNOT PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR 53 AID EMPLOYEES PLUS THE REST OF THE MISSION. IN THE PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES I FEEL I HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO CALL A HALT TO THE IN-FLOW OF AID PERSONNEL UNTIL OUR JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HAS BEEN STRENGTHENED SO THAT IT CAN PROVIDE THE NECESSARY SERVICES TO THE ENTIRE MISSION.

2. THIS WEEK WE ARE POUCHING TO WASHINGTON THE PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS OF OUR JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE TO SUPPORT THE INCREASED AID ACTIVITIES, WHILE AT THE SAME TIME MAINTAINING SUPPORT FOR THE REST  
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OF THE MISSION. WE HOPE FOR SPEEDY APPROVAL  
OF THESE REQUIREMENTS.

3. EFFECTIVE APRIL 30, 1978 I AM PLACING AN EMBARGO AGAINST THE ARRIVAL OF NEW AID CONTRACT AND DIRECT HIRE EMPLOYEES IN UPPER VOLTA. THIS EMBARGO IS TO REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL I AM SATISFIED THAT OUR JOINT ADMIN-

ISTRATIVE OFFICE IS STAFFED ADEQUATELY TO PROVIDE  
FOR NEW ARRIVALS. GRAHAM

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